GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3924
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
RESTORATION OF EARLIER FLIGHT OF VAYUDOOT
VINOD KHANNA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot used to daily operate two flights regularly between Delhi and Ludhiana and after its merger with the Indian Airlines both the flights have been stopped;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Airlines have carried out survey at Ludhiana Sahnewal Airport for the restoration of earlier flights operated by the Vayudoot;

(c) if so, whether the civil flights are likely to be resumed from the Sahnewal Airport at Ludhiana; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): Vayudoot had earlier operated services on Delhi-Ludhiana-Delhi sectors with HS-748 aircraft and earned marginal profits.

(b): Yes, Sir. The survey revealed that operation of air services by Indian Airlines to/from Ludhiana will not be economically viable with the smaller type of aircraft available in the fleet.

(c) and (d): Commercial considerations and operational constraints at present do not permit operation of Indian Airlines services to/from Ludhiana.